



Crime Watch News

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COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

CHIEF'S ANNUAL POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY UPDATE

**Wednesday
March 15, 2006**

**Long Beach Water Department
1800 East Wardlow Road**



Come out and meet our Chief of Police Anthony W. Batts!

Chief Batts will provide an update on current crime trends in our city, and his strategies for tackling them! In addition, we will be honoring this year's Gold Shield Award recipients.

Please join us for an informative evening. Bring friends and neighbors.
This monthly meeting is open to everyone in the community.

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UPCOMING EVENTS/ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Saturday, March 11, 2006, 8:00 a.m.
[America's Walk for Diabetes - Long Beach/Shoreline Village](#)
ADA, 1570 East Warner Avenue, Suite 207, Santa Ana, CA 92705
For further information contact: Veronica Trigueros (888) DIABETES ext. 7441
- ◆ Tuesday, March 21, 2006, 6:00 p.m.
[Community Safety Awareness Forum](#)
Anaheim Street Community Police Center — 1320 Gaviota Avenue, Long Beach
For further information, Contact Fred Bloh: (562) 570-1691

April is . . .

Sexual Assault Awareness Month



Denim Day is a public education campaign designed to protest rape and attitudes that excuse sexual assault. The Los Angeles Commission on Assault against Women (LACAOW) and the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) started Denim Day California in 1999 to focus community awareness on the devastating effects of sexual violence and how to prevent it.

Denim Day



Wednesday, April 19, 2006

Make a powerful statement without saying a word

The Long Beach Police Chief's Women's Advisory Group and the Sexual Assault Crisis Agency (SACA) are sponsoring this year's rape prevention education campaign in Long Beach. Everyone is encouraged to wear jeans on Wednesday, April 19, 2006. This is a symbol of protest of harmful attitudes about rape in response to an Italian Supreme Court decision to overturn a rape conviction because the victim wore jeans. The justices reasoned that the victim must have helped her attacker remove her tight jeans, which they felt implied consent. We do not believe that consent can be implied.

For further information:

- ♦ SACA Hotline (562) 989-5900
- ♦ Sexual Assault Crisis Agency (562) 989-0309
- ♦ 1-800-NO-RAPE-8 or www.denimdayinla.org

PUTTING A STOP TO SPAM SCAMS

Forward all deceptive or unwanted spam to: SPAM@UCE.GOV

Many people with e-mail accounts find their inboxes flooded with unsolicited commercial e-mail, also known as "spam." Most spam is annoying; it crowds out legitimate e-mail, and deleting it takes time. Some spam, however, is illegal. These messages often imitate those used by fraudulent telemarketers and direct mail advertisers. They include pyramid and get-rich-quick schemes, chain letters that involve sending money and promise big returns, stock offerings for unknown start-up companies, work-at-home schemes, bogus charities, phony weight-loss claims, ads for pornographic websites, credit repair offers, and quack health products. Because spammers know people don't want these emails, they use deceptive subject lines to fool people into opening them. Spammers can also "hijack" a home computer by installing remote access software through a virus or other point of entry and then using the computer to send unsolicited email to computers.



Because spam marketers often harvest email addresses from the Internet, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) advises people who wish to avoid unwanted email not to display their email address on the Internet in such places as newsgroup postings, chat rooms, or an online service's membership directory; to always check the privacy policy of any website to which they submit their email address; to use a unique email address; and to treat commercial email solicitations the same way they would treat unsolicited telemarketing calls: with skepticism and caution.

Deceptive or unwanted email can be reported to the FTC. A copy of the message should be sent to PAM@UCE.GOV. The FTC uses the unsolicited emails stored in this database to pursue law enforcement actions against people who send deceptive spam email. The FTC's online complaint form at WWW.FTC.GOV can be used to report spam with removal links that don't work or that do not allow the consumer to unsubscribe. This complaint will be added to the FTC's Consumer Sentinel database and made available to hundreds of law enforcement and consumer protection agencies.

For further resources, go to the [National Crime Prevention Council](http://www.ncpc.org) at www.ncpc.org.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION Protecting America's Consumers

The CAN-SPAM Act was passed in 2003 to protect people from illegal spam. This act bans false or misleading header information (the email's "from," "to," and routing must be accurate and identify the person who initiated the email); it prohibits deceptive subject lines (the subject line cannot mislead the recipient about the contents or subject matter of the message); it requires that the email give recipients an opt-out method (a return email address must be provided that allows a recipient to request that future email messages be stopped, and this request must be honored); and it requires that commercial email be identified as an advertisement and include the sender's valid physical postal address.

**VICTIMS'
RIGHTS:
STRENGTH
IN UNITY**

**National
Crime Victims'
Rights Week**

The Office of the Victims of Crime (OVC) of the U.S. Department of Justice is pleased to announce the 2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) which will be held during the week of April 23 through 29, 2006.

The primary goal of this event is to provide a time of nationwide remembrance, reflection, and re-commitment for crime victims and survivors and those who serve them in order to raise individual victim, and public awareness about the rights and needs of crime victims; the challenges that victims face in seeking help and finding hope in the aftermath of crime; and positive impact that individuals and communities can have by providing services and support to victims and survivors of crime.

**NATIONAL CRIME
VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**
APRIL 23—29, 2006

The U. S. Department of Justice is scheduled to kick off the National Observance of the National Crime Victims' Rights Week on Thursday, April 20, 2006, in Washington, DC, with the 4th Annual National Candlelight Observance to pay tribute to crime victims and those who serve them. In addition, the National Awards Ceremony to honor individuals and programs for outstanding efforts on behalf of crime victims will be held on Friday, April 21, 2006.

For further information, go to the Office for Victims of Crime's web site: www.ovc.gov/ncvrw/welcome.html.

**Sexual Assault
Awareness Month**

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is observed in **APRIL** and is the month dedicated to making a concerted effort to prevent and

raise awareness of sexual violence and its prevention through special events, although such activities may occur at any time throughout the year. Recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month each year highlights sexual violence as a major public health problem and reinforces the need for prevention efforts.



It's About Time

**TO
Prevent
Sexual
Violence**

The purpose of Sexual Assault Awareness Month is to increase the public's understanding about sexual violence in our society. This effort can help communities support rape and sexual assault survivors, victims, and their families, as well as the individuals and agencies that provide rape crisis intervention and prevention services throughout the year. It is also a time to encourage the public to take steps to address sexual violence. The hope is that a month of intensified awareness efforts combined with the broad spectrum of sexual violence prevention work throughout the year will bring us closer

to ending sexual assault.

SAVE THE DATE
**38TH ANNUAL
POLICE AWARDS LUNCHEON**

On Tuesday, May 16, 2006, the 38th Annual Police Awards Luncheon will be held at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center, 300 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach. There will be a reception at 11:15 a.m. followed by lunch and the awards program at 12:00 noon.

The Police Department has developed a new opportunity for community partnership. We have established several sponsorship categories to assist us in publicly honoring citizens and police employees who have distinguished themselves by their brave or unselfish acts of heroism. These individuals are recognized at our Annual Awards Luncheon, which is the largest event that the Long Beach Police Department hosts.

Closing date for sponsors to be included in the commemorative program is April 7, 2006

The Awards Luncheon recognizes the importance of acknowledging the heroes in our community. In order to continue this tradition, we look for your partnership and assistance in the hopes that you or your business will consider one of these opportunities to support this worthwhile event. If you know of an organization who might also be interested in this sponsorship, please pass along this information.

For additional information or to sign up for a sponsorship, please contact Sergeant David Marander at (562) 570-7215 or Michelle Foote at (562) 570-5729.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SUCCESS STORY

This month's Neighborhood Watch Success Story recognizes citizens who, as participants in the Neighborhood Watch program, have significantly improved their community. Please share your own Neighborhood Watch Success Story by sending an article to the Community Relations Division, or by email to Lisa_Massacani@longbeach.gov.

The Police Department and the Chief's Neighborhood Watch Advisory Group are very proud to present the three recipients of this year's Gold Shield Award. The Gold Shield Award goes to active participants in the Neighborhood Watch program, who have gone above and beyond to contribute to the improvement of their neighborhood. This year we honor:

- The 100 Block West Plymouth Neighborhood Watch group, who tirelessly worked together to end the rampant crime on their block.
- Block Captain Jose Martinez, the fearless leader of the group, who never gave up in the fight to reclaim this neighborhood, and who always kept the group positive and motivated.
- Pete and Kris Glaeser, members of the Grand Avenue/Wilton Street Neighborhood Watch group, who vigorously support the group, the community, and who their Block Captain, and all the other neighbors, can always depend on.

We congratulate these winners, and invite everyone to hear more about their accomplishments, and celebrate their award with them at our March 15 Community Crime Prevention Meeting (information on front page).

Reducing crime in our big city is a group effort, and a constant battle. The Police Department would not be able to work as effectively as we do without the participation of the community. By partnering with us through Neighborhood Watch, citizens become active crime-fighters. Knowing the crime trends and how to protect yourselves prevents crime. Recognizing and reporting all suspicious activity greatly reduces criminal activity, and sends a message that neighbors are aware of the activity and will not tolerate it.

Although the Gold Shield Awards are celebrated once a year, the men and women of the Long Beach Police Department appreciate your efforts every day of the year. THANK YOU.

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